

II. REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Fifth Preliminary Amendment filed August 21, 2007, in the above-identified application be withdrawn without prejudice from the record and not considered.

It is believed that no new matter has been added and that the application is in condition for allowance.

To summarize, for the Examiner's convenience, note that there were 7 independent claims previously pending: 1, 33, 65, 81, 95, 129, 161. By this amendment, claims 65, 81, and 95 have been amended, claim 1 has been amended, and the other three independent claims have been amended into dependent claims. Claim 126, another dependent claim, is revised so that it depends on the new claim 81 and is identical to the previous version of claim 81. Similarly, claim 127, a dependent claim, is revised so that it depends on the new claim 65 and is identical to the previous version of claim 65. Finally, claim 128, a dependent claim, is revised so that it depends on the new claim 95 and is identical to the previous version of claim 95. With respect to this amendment, there are only four independent claims: 1, 65, 81, 95.

Applicant understands from an Examiner interview that the withdrawn claims can be reinstated if an underlying pending claim is deemed allowable. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's courtesy and consideration.

APPLICANT CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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